Moluccan Cockatoo

**Scientific Name:** *Cacatua moluccensis*

**Common Name(s):** Moluccan Cockatoo, Seram Cockatoo, Salmon-crested Cockatoo

**Origin:** Southern Moluccan Islands

**Length:** 20 - 22 inches

**Wing Span:** 38 - 42 inches

**Weight:** 800 - 1025 grams

**Body Color:** Mainly pale peach to white with touches of yellow underneath the wings and tail. The erectile crest has salmon-peon colored feathers underneath.

**Life Span:** 60+ years

**Diet:***

- **Wild:** Seeds, nuts, fruits, berries insects, and larvae.
- **Captive:** Pellets, nuts, fruit, vegetables, seeds, treats.

**Personality:** Extremely social both with humans and other cockatoos. They demand lots of time and attention, a large cage and plenty of toys as they are natural wood chewers. They can be one of the most affectionate companions but are prone to screaming and feather destruction if neglected. This species is not recommended as a first bird. One of the most mentally and emotionally complicated parrots to deal with, the Moluccan is more than a handful for all but the most dedicated parrot lovers.

**Bite Potential:** Serious, beak pressure approaches that of the large macaws but with a sharper lower beak.

**Sexing:** The iris of the females' eyes may develop a brownish color, the males' eyes will remain black, but to be certain DNA or endoscopy is required.

**Cage Size:** Minimum 40 x 30 x 69 inches. Bar spacing 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches.

**Cost:**

- **Pet Store:** $2200 - $2500
- **Breeder:** $1200 - $1500
- **Adoption:** $600